

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

(Currently Amended) 1. A clamp for connecting a force exerting device to a non-linear portion of a vehicle for performing vehicle repair, comprising:

a plurality of relatively movable jaws and means for tightening said jaws on a portion of a vehicle;

at least one of said jaws comprising a plurality of relatively rotatable, selectively positionable clamp segments whereby said clamp segments can be rotatably positioned relative to each other to optimally conform to a non-linear portion of a vehicle, said at least one jaw also comprising means for connecting one of said clamp segments to another clamp segment; and

means for ~~connecting~~ releasably attaching said jaws to a force exerting device.

(Original) 2. A clamp according to claim 1 wherein said connecting means comprises a hinged connector.

(Original) 3. A clamp according to claim 2 wherein said hinged connector comprises a bolt passing through a portion of at least one of said segments.

(Original) 4. A clamp according to claim 3 wherein said clamp segments comprise a step.

(Currently Amended) 5. A clamp according to claim 4 wherein said steps are disposed in overlapping relation and said hinge connector extends through said overlapping portions of said clamp segments.

(Original) 6. A clamp according to claim 1 wherein said clamp segments comprise a step.

(Currently Amended) 7. A clamp according to claim 6 wherein said steps are disposed in overlapping relation and said hinge connector extends through said overlapping portions of said clamp segments.

(Original) 8. A clamp according to claim 1 comprising clamp pads and means for removably connecting said clamp pads to said clamp segments.

(Original) 9. A clamp according to claim 1 comprising clamp pads comprising a knurled surface on at least one side.

(Original) 10. A clamp according to claim 1 wherein said clamp segments comprise at least one knurled surface.

(Original) 11. A clamp according to claim 1 wherein at least one of said clamp segments comprises an arcuate gripping portion.

(Original) 12. A clamp according to claim 1 wherein at least one of said clamp segments comprises a non-linear gripping portion.

(Original) 13. A clamp according to claim 1 wherein at least a plurality of jaw segments comprise non-linear gripping portions

(Original) 14. A clamp according to claim 1 wherein at least one of said jaw segments comprises a non-linear gripping portion.

(Original) 15. A clamp according to claim 1 wherein each of the jaw segments comprises a non-linear gripping portion.

(Original) 16. A clamp according to claim 1 wherein at least one of said clamp segments comprises a linear gripping portion.

(Original) 17. A clamp according to claim 1 wherein a plurality of jaw segments comprise a linear gripping portion.

(Original) 18. A clamp according to claim 1 wherein said jaw segments comprise a linear gripping portion.

(Original) 19. A clamp according to claim 1 wherein all of the jaw segments comprise a linear gripping portion.

(Currently Amended) 20. A clamp for connecting a force exerting device to a curved portion of a vehicle for performing vehicle repair, comprising:

a plurality of relatively movable, non-linear jaws, said jaws comprising elongated, non-linear gripping portions, and means for selectively tightening said jaws on a portion of a vehicle; and

means for connecting said jaws to a force exerting device.

(Original) 21. A clamp according to claim 20 comprising clamp pads and means for removably connecting said clamp pads to said clamp segments.

(Original) 22. A clamp according to claim 20 comprising clamp pads comprising a knurled surface on at least one side.

(Original) 23. A clamp according to claim 20 wherein said jaws comprise at least one knurled surface.